

APPROVED: Meeting No. 41-87

ATTEST: *Helen M. Heneghan*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
MEETING NO. 29-87

June 3, 1987

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in work session in the the Boards and Commissions Room, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, June 3, 1987, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Steven Van Grack

Councilman Steve Abrams

Councilman James Coyle

Councilman Douglas Duncan

Councilman Peter Hartogensis

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Manager Richard Robinson, City Clerk Carol A. Kachadoorian, and Senior Budget Analyst Ellen Elow-Mintz.

Re: Wish List

The Mayor and Council discussed items on their wish list including policy issues regarding funds from the City to be spent for agencies outside the city requesting funding.

Stepping Stones - This agency requested \$10,000 in operating funds. It was the decision of the Mayor and Council to defer a decision on funding until at least mid year. Senior Budget Analyst Ellen Elow-Mintz identified a number of concerns staff has with the shelter and suggested that mid-year would be a better time to decide on funding.

Rockville Housing Authority - The Housing Authority requested a total of \$66,520 in funding as follows:

\$ 7,500	Tenant Services
24,020	Refuse Contract

15,000	Housing Information Center
20,000	Maintenance Support

The Mayor and Council approved funding for \$44,020 to cover the costs for the refuse contract and maintenance support.

Community Ministries/Chase Partnership Shelter - The Shelter requested a total of \$15,000 to cover a number of operating and capital items. The Mayor and Council approved funding for the request, noting that this continues the partnership between the City of Gaithersburg, the City of Rockville, and Montgomery County.

Montgomery County Historical Society - \$14,000 was requested to cover the costs for an archeological survey and directional signs. The Mayor and Council approved \$4,000 for directional signs, and in doing so asked that the signs conform with those recently installed by the City.

List of Administrative Funding Items

The Mayor and Council considered the following administrative items on the wish list:

Mayor and Council

The Mayor and Council approved \$3,000 in funding for three members of the Mayor and Council to travel to Pinneberg for the Sister City 30th Anniversary Celebration and \$10,000 funding for an Ombusman - Half-time Temporary Appointment to be filled with a new City Clerk has been chosen.

Police Department

The Mayor and Council approved \$32,599 funding for one overhire position and \$16,500 funding for patrol car scanners (100 units at \$165.00 each).

Community Development

The Mayor and Council approved \$225,000 funding for potential UMTA grants (offset by revenue).

Recreation and Parks Department

The Mayor and Council approved \$25,000 funding for holiday decorations. Funding was appropriated to Courthouse Square in the amount of \$20,140 and City Hall at \$1,980. The Holiday Basketball Tournament was appropriated \$1,500 for both the boys and girls tournaments and \$54,800 was awarded to upgrade park cleanliness.

Community Services

Human Rights - The Mayor and Council approved \$5,500 funding for an additional temporary staff to help resolve the outstanding caseload.

Planning Department

The Mayor and Council approved \$10,000 for an additional Planner I on a one year trial basis. The balance of \$12,000 funding will be taken out of departmental budget.

Other General Charges

The Mayor and Council approved \$200,000 funding as a reserve dedicated fund balance for housing opportunities. This will not affect appropriation.

All items on the wish list were approved with the exception of the following items:

One Additional Police Officer to work with the Boys and Girls Club	\$32,599
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Climax Forest Nature Walk Start-up costs	\$35,000
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The Mayor and Council asked that the Nature Walk be discussed with the neighborhood and reconsidered for the FY 1989 budget. In addition, it was agreed that the City should begin to look at ways to work with the Boys and Girls Club, perhaps using staff from the Department of Community Services and the Recreation and Parks Department. Further discussions on the issue would be held at mid-year.

Housing Opportunities - The \$200,000 reserved for housing opportunities is to be established as a designated reserve in the General Fund.

Police Services - The Mayor and Council asked that the City work with the County to establish good coordination in the areas of unified record-keeping, joint dispatch (when the new CAD is completed) and the monitoring of City calls for service by the County. In addition, the Mayor and Council asked that the administrative problems identified in the PERF report be addressed and that a report from the Police Department on progress made in these areas be provided.

The deletion of the seven additional officers was confirmed by the Mayor and Council and consideration of the concept of 4 beats versus 3 beats would come at a later time.

Public Relations Program - The Mayor and Council confirmed its decision in a prior worksession to consider the concept of a business liaison at mid-year. This will allow the City Manager the opportunity to determine how to establish such a position in the existing organizational structure.

Re: Capital Improvements Program
FY 1988-1993

Softball fields - The Mayor and Council approved funding for two additional softball fields at Wootton's Mill. The \$500,000 to \$600,000 required for the fields is to be placed in the CIP in out years. Staff was asked to work with the surrounding neighborhoods during FY 1988.

Left Turn Lane at College Parkway and Route 355 - The Mayor and Council added \$55,000 in the FY 1989 program, with directions to the Traffic Engineer to talk with the Shopping Center about traffic flow within its parking lot.

Traffic Signals in the vicinity of the Rockville Metrorail Station - the Mayor and Council approved \$150,000 in funding for traffic signals in this area. The funding is to be split between the FY 1988 and FY 1989 programs

Re: Tax Rate

The Mayor and Council set the tax rate for FT 1988 at 85 cents. This represents a two cent reduction in the current tax rate.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in work session, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. to convene again in general session on Monday, June 8, 1987, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber or at the call of the Mayor.